1	2	3
4.	Chhattisgarh	3
5.	Daman and Diu	1
6.	Delhi	5
7.	Gujarat	1
8.	Haryana	2
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	10
11.	Jharkhand	3
12.	Lakshadweep	1
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2
14.	Mizoram	1
15.	Orissa	1
16.	Rajasthan	2
17.	Tamil Nadu	1
18.	Uttaranchal	4
19.	Uttar Pradesh	7
20.	West Bengal	1
	TOTAL :	58

Objective of National Book Trust

†3812. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the objective of National Book Trust alongwith organisational set up for its functioning;

(b) whether it is a fact that the term of Committee of Trustees of the Trust had expired and work has come to stand still due to the offices of the Chairman and the Director lying vacant; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the arrangement which would be made for smooth functioning of the Trust by putting it on rails?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) As per the Memorandum of Association, the objectives of the National Book Trust, India are as follows :

(i) to produce and to encourage the production of good literature, and to make such literature available at moderate prices to the public;

(ii) in furtherance of the above objectives to published more particularly books of the following types in English, Hindi and other languages recognised in the Constitution of India :

(a) the classical literature of India;

(b) outstanding works of Indian authors in Indian languages and their translation from one Indian language to another;

(c) translation of outstanding books from foreign languages;

(d) outstanding books of modern knowledge for popular diffusion;

(iii) to bring out book lists, arrange exhibition and seminars and take all necessary steps to make the people book minded;

(iv) to establish or promote the formation of regional Book Trusts in different parts of the country with objectives similar to those of the Trust;

The organisation is headed by a Chairman who is appointed for a 3 years term. There is one Director appointed for 5 years who looks after all administrative matter of the Trust and is assisted by Joint Directors, Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors.

(b) and (c) The term of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the NBT expired on 27th September, 2002. The work of the Trust was not allowed to suffer as interim arrangement has always been made to avoid keeping the office of the Director vacant by appointing acting Director. Selection of a regular Director has since been completed.

The tenure of the former Chairman, ended on 6th December 2002. Before laying down office he delegated the powers of Chairman to the Director, NBT, so that work did not suffer. The new Chairman has assumed the office of the Chairman on 21st March, 2003.